(d) The Committee has been asked to submit its report by 15th November, 1991.

Statement

The Terms of Reference:

(i) To examine the existing structure of the financial system and its various components and to make recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the system with particular reference to the economy of operations, accountability and profitability of the commercial banks and financial institutions.

(ii) To make recommendations for improving and modernising the organisational systems and procedures as well as managerial policies;

(iii) To make recommendations for infusing greater competitive vitality into the system so as to enable the banks and financial institutions to respond more effectively to the emerging credit needs of the economy;

(iv) To examine the cost, composition and adequacy of the capital structure of the various financial institutions and to make suitable recommendations in this regard.

(v) To review the relative roles of the different types of financial institutions in the financial system and to make recommendations for their balanced growth;

(vi) To review the existing supervisory arrangements relating to the various entities in the financial sector, in particular the commercial banks and the terms lending institutions and to make recommendations for ensuring appropriate and effective supervision;

(vii) To review the existing legislative framework and to suggest necessary amendments for implementing the recommendations that may require legislative change;

(viii) To make recommendations on any other subject matter as the Committee may consider germane to the subject of enquiry or any related matter which may be specifically referred to the Committee by the Government of India.

Use of media to prevent AIDS

277. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been sought from World Bank for fighting AIDS;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to use television and other media to prevent the spread of AIDS; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA) (a) Yes. The World Bank has agreed in principle to provide assistance to control the spread of AIDS in the country.

(b) and (c) Yes. The Central Health Education Bureau has been producing various types of education material on AIDS and utilising them for public education through T. V., Radio, Newspapers, Cinema Slides, Exhibitions, hoardings, Bus Panel, Kiosks and Documetary Films.

Pending river projects of Andhra Pradesh

278. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the River projects which are pending before the Ministry of Environment and Forests for clearance from Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?